



AMASAKA GALLERY

ETHEL AANYU

Born 1994 in Kampala, Uganda
Lives and works in Kampala.

Education

Marget Trowell School of Industrial and Fine Arts, Makerere
University

Upcoming Exhibitions

2024 7th Edition of Jaou Tunis, Tunisia

Group Exhibitions

2023 *Silent Invasions: The Art of Material Hacking*, Amasaka Gallery, Masaka

ECHOES, Amasaka Gallery, Kampala, Uganda

The Many Faces of the Self, Ars Belga, Brussels, Belgium

2022 Investec Art Fair, Cape Town, South Africa

2021 FNB Joburg, South Africa (online)

2020 *Get up Stand up!*, Kampala Art Biennale, Kampala Uganda

Press

9 Questions with Ethel Aanyu. In: Suboart Magazine - International Art Magazine for
Emerging Artists, Jan 13, 2023

Awards, Grants & Residencies

2023 Artist Residency, 32° EAST, Kampala Uganda



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Short bio:

Ethel Aanyu (b. 1994, Kampala) is a Ugandan photographer living and working in Kampala. She started her artistic journey as an apprentice at Andrew Tshabangu's studio. In her work she employs layering techniques of positive and negative black and white images as well as digital alterations to her photographs in which she negotiates questions of the manifest, the latent, of states of mind and the complex interplays of vulnerability and resilience, of care and healing. Amidst the tension, ambiguity, and hybridity manifested in her images, Aanyu dissects complex emotions in visual form. Having grown up in Teso, in Eastern Uganda, and migrated to the capital city Kampala during school years, the artist's biography entails a level of hybridity which oftentimes manifests as inner conflict. Having to learn a new language, new ways of living and adapting to peers after moving to the capital city, has left Aanyu with layers of experience and knowledge as well as the ability and challenge of oscillating between them.

Ethel Aanyu was part of the Kampala Art Biennale, Get up Stand up!, 2020 and showcased her work with Amasaka Gallery, Masaka and Kampala as well as Ars Belga, Brussels. Her work was featured at Investec Art Fair (2022) and FNB Joburg (2021). In 2023 she completed an artist residency at 32° EAST Ugandan Arts Trust Kampala and is amongst the selected artists for the 7th Edition of Jaou Tunis 2024, Tunisia.